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Suspected Gang Member Charged in Shooting at LAPD Patrol Car

An 18-year-old reputed gang member was charged today with shooting at an LAPD patrol car during a suspected gang retaliation incident on Sunday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Christopher Taylor (dob 2/20/96), is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA432489. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$2 million.

Taylor is charged with two counts each of shooting into an occupied vehicle and assault on a peace officer with a semi-automatic firearm and one count of assault with a semi-automatic firearm. The complaint includes gang and gun allegations.

During a suspected gang retaliation in the Hoover and Gage area on Sunday, Taylor and a second suspect allegedly opened fire on rival gang members traveling in a car. Prosecutors said the car sped away just as an LAPD patrol car from the 77th Street Division drove through the area and was fired upon.

An LAPD officer returned fire at Taylor and a second suspect, who were both on foot. Neither of the two suspects nor the officers were struck.

If convicted, Taylor faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's</u> <u>Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.